

Introduction

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in coordination with several local communities and other agencies, is conducting this Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study to identify and evaluate potential transportation improvements on southbound I-225 from Yosemite Street to I-25.

PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The purpose of the transportation improvements along southbound I-225 between Yosemite Street and I-25 is to reduce existing and future congestion and travel time for southbound I-225.

PURPOSE OF THIS OPEN HOUSE

The project team conducted a Telephone Town Hall Meeting in June 2013 and received feedback from many participants. This input and stakeholder participation was used to develop a broad range of concepts that meet the purpose of the project. These concepts were then assessed using two tiers of screening. Tier 1 and Tier 2 screening results are presented for your review this evening. Our project team would like your input on the screening and seek feedback on any refinements to any of the five remaining concepts presented. Your input will assist us in determining the final recommendations.

This meeting will be conducted in an open house format with a study overview at 6:30 pm. An array of graphic displays are organized in stations around the room and include:

1. Welcome, Study Purpose, and Traffic Information
2. Concepts for the Study
3. Screening Process and Results
4. Next Steps

These boards are also available on the project webpage at www.coloradodot.info/projects/I-225pel

AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED IN THIS STUDY

- CDOT
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- City of Aurora
- City and County of Denver
- City of Greenwood Village
- Arapahoe County
- Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)
- Regional Transportation District (RTD)
- Goldsmith Metro District
- Madre Metro District

OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMENT

- Ask questions or provide comments to project team members (with name tags)
- Fill out attached comment form and drop it off at the sign-in table
- Submit comment form to CDOT or Consultant Project Manager later, see contact information provided on the last page of the comment form
- Submit a comment on the project webpage at: www.coloradodot.info/projects/I-225pel

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Q: What is the I-225 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study between Yosemite Street and I-25?

A: A transportation planning process that:

- Identifies traffic and roadway problems
- Evaluates possible solutions that meet the project's Purpose and Need
- Determines potential effects to the human and natural environment

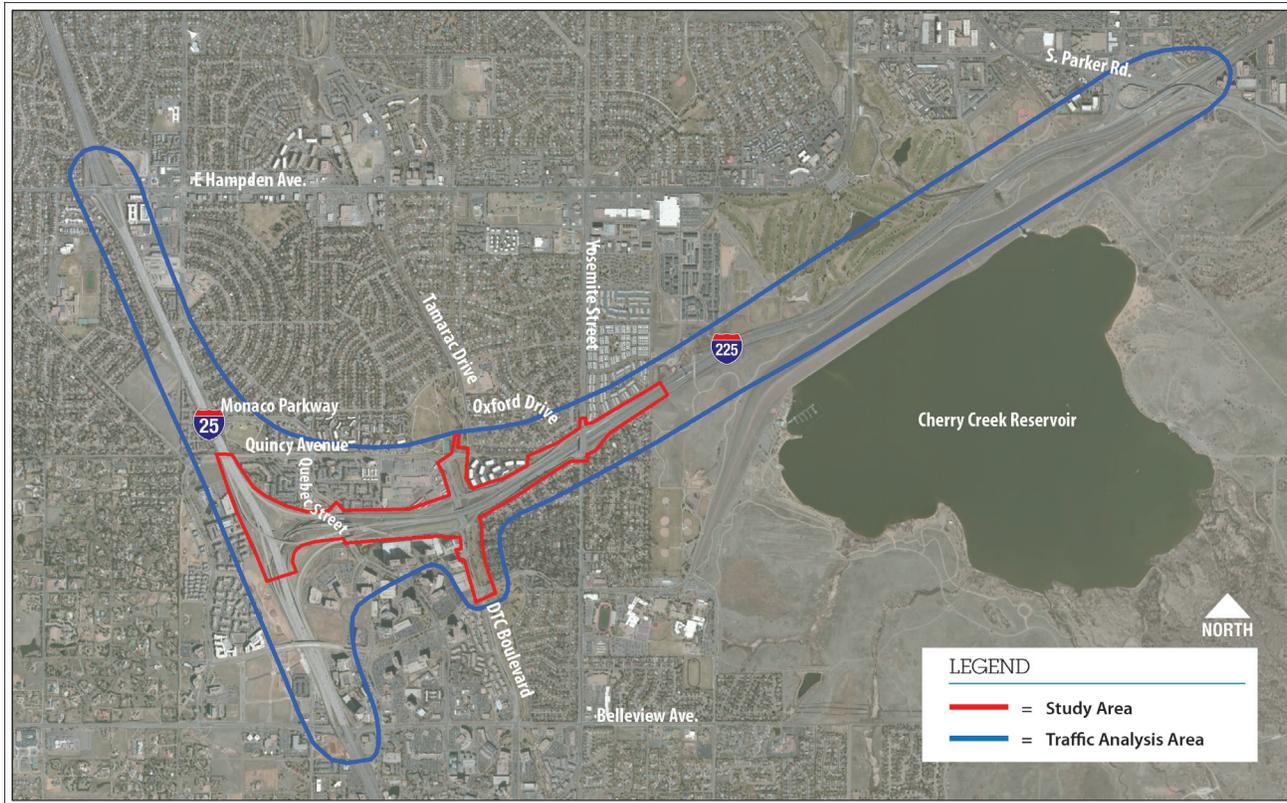
The results of this study will assist in shortening the time needed to select a preferred alternative once funding is identified for construction.

Q: What are the study limits?

A: The study area limits include I-225 from Yosemite Street to I-25



The traffic analysis area extends along I-225 between Parker Road and I-25 and along I-25 from Belleview Avenue to Hampden Avenue and shows the extent that traffic operations were reviewed for the study.



Q: What progress has been made on this study?

- A:** The study began in February 2013. Major tasks already completed during this study include:
- Data collection and research regarding existing multimodal transportation conditions, transportation infrastructure, and environmental conditions
 - Forecasts of future 2035 traffic volumes
 - Development of a range of transportation improvement concepts
 - Two levels of alternatives evaluation
 - Coordination with local agencies and community stakeholders throughout the process

Q: What will the product of this study be?

- A:** The study will develop recommended transportation improvements to reduce congestion and improve mobility and enhance safety at the bottleneck on southbound I-225 between Yosemite Street and I-25. The study will provide a plan for improvements, which will be used by CDOT for project implementation.

Q: When will recommendations from this study be constructed?

- A:** The timeline for physical improvements is dependent on funding availability. Currently, no funding is allocated for construction. Funding options are being reviewed to design and construct the project.

Q: *Why not just add a third lane from Yosemite Street to I-25 along the southbound I-225?*

A: This has been considered during the study; however, by just adding a lane this creates a difficult merge for drivers from DTC Boulevard on ramp to southbound I-225 having to cross over two lanes to exit to southbound I-25, which is unsafe. A third lane in conjunction with other transportation improvements to address the merge issue is proposed with all the retained concepts presented at this public open house.

Q: *What is the percentage of traffic southbound on I-225 heading to southbound I-25 versus northbound I-25?*

A: In the morning rush hour, the split is about 60 percent going southbound on I-25 versus 40 percent going northbound on I-25. In the evening rush hour, the split is about 50 percent each way.

Q: *Where can I find more information about the project and submit a comment?*

A: Visit the project web page: www.coloradodot.info/projects/I-225pel

Comment Form

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

TIER SCREENING COMMENTS

Alternative Concept Tier Screening – Please provide feedback regarding the Tier 1 and the Tier 2 Screenings:

REMAINING CONCEPT COMMENTS

Based on the Tier 2 screening, five alternative concepts remain for further evaluation. Please provide comments on each of the remaining concepts below. Let us know which one is your favorite. Should we eliminate any of the remaining concepts from further consideration? Why?

Concept 16 – Braid Ramps West of DTC:

Concept 17 – Divide I-225, Remove DTC off Ramp and Braid Ramps West of DTC:

Concept 18 – Add Loop Ramp and Braid Ramps East and West of DTC:

